Secret Kashmir Plan

1243. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned 'Secret Kashmir Plan' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th January, 2002;

(b) whether Government have secretly agreed to carve up parts of Kashmir between the two countries and give special autonomy to the Central Kashmir valley; and

(c) if so, what is Government's version on the press media report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Government have seen the report appearing in the Hindustan Times on 17th January, 2002.

(b) No, Sir. Government's principled and consistent position is well known. The entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation by Pakistan. Government are firmly committed to upholding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Talks with neighbouring countries about terrorist activities

† 1244. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are holding any talks with regard to the terrorists activities going on in the countries having common borders with our country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.